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SUBJECT: WHO REGIONAL MEETING ON ASSISTANCE TO NORTH
AND SOUTH VIETNAM

REF: MANILA 3056 (NOTAL)

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED LETTER OF INVITATION DATED FEBRUARY 27 FROM WHO REGIONAL DIRECTOR FRANCISCO DY TO SPECIAL MEETING OF MEMBER STATES OF WESTERN PACIFIC REGION (WPR) ON MARCH 30 AND 31 IN MANILA. (PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF WPR INCLUDE AUSTRALIA, CHINA, FRANCE, JAPAN, MALAYSIA, NEW ZEALAND, PHILIPPINES, AND UK. BOTH VIETNAMS, CAMBODIA AND LAOS ARE ALSO MEMBERS.) PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING, AS SET FORTH IN DY'S LETTER, IS TO DISCUSS URGENT AND LONG-TERM NEEDS OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIET-NAM IN FIELD OF HEALTH WITH VIEW TO OBTAINING FUNDS OR MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT TO MEET SUCH NEEDS. INITIATIVE IS DESCRIBED AS OUTGROWTH OF WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION OF MAY 1975 ON HEALTH ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA AND NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM. (CAMBODIA HAS APPARENTLY NOT SO FAR RESPONDED TO WHO OVERTURES.) ANNEXED TO DY'S LETTER ARE DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY WPR SECRETARIAT OUTLINING CURRENT HEALTH PROBLEMS, PROGRAMS AND NEEDS OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM. DOCUMENTS ESTIMATE ANNUAL NORTH VIETNAMESE NEEDS FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AT

6 MILLION DOLLARS, AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE NEEDS AT 16 MILLION DOLLARS.

2. FOR MANILA: PLEASE INFORM DIRECTOR DY ORALLY AS FOLLOWS: DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF HIS LETTER OF INVITATION TO THE SPECIAL MEETING. HOWEVER, AS IS WELL KNOWN, IT IS US POLICY UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES NOT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE REGIMES GOVERNING NORTH AND SOUTH VIET-NAM. US ATTENDANCE WOULD CONSEQUENTLY SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE AND DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE.

3. ACTION ADDRESSEES MAY AT THEIR DISCRETION INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF US DECISION NOT TO ATTEND SPECIAL MEETING. KISSINGER

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